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ABSTRACT

This annual report from the Colorado State Library describes highlights of developments that took place in the past year. Discussion includes Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) administration; school library media development; programs to promote library literacy and diversity; the State Publications Library; StateLINC distribution program and administration; the Colorado State Department of Education Web site support services; launch of the Standards & Assessment Resource Bank Web site; Library telecommunications; publications and public information; public relations; institutional library services; special projects of the Library Research Service; networking and resource sharing by the Access Colorado Library and Information Network (ACLIN); and the Colorado Talking Book Library. Also included is a 1998-1999 general funds summary outlining state budgeted funds for specific library program items. (AEF)

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Colorado State Library

1998-1999

Annual Report

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Dear Library Community:

FROM THE COLORADO STATE LIBRARY

Dear Library Community:

Someone said the only constant is change, and that certainly applies to the Colorado State Library this year. You may notice that we are now the Colorado State Library again, and not the State Library and Adult Education Office. That's the biggest change this year.

The Adult Education Office has been transferred to the Colorado Department of Education's (CDE) Center for At-Risk Children (CARE), where its programs can be better coordinated with other family literacy and K-12 programs. We intend to continue working with the adult education programs, particularly as they involve public library literacy programs. In its place, the Colorado State Library now has oversight for the CDE Web site.

Here are some other highlights of our year:

ACLIN saw significant change in staff with the resignation of ACLIN Director Susan Fayad, and Content Consultant Janet Carabell. Long-time ACLIN Technical Consultant Jerry McCarthy is serving as interim director, and we are pleased to welcome Rose Nelson as our new full-time technology consultant.

ACLIN also saw the beginning of ACLIN's new Business and Consumer Web site. This unique and outstanding gateway to carefully chosen Web sites provides comprehensive access to Colorado residents who want to start or improve a business.

As CDE reorganizes to focus on content standards, student assessment, and school accreditation, the State Library is also shifting focus to support these efforts. CDE has established five regional teams to provide technical assistance to school districts. Each team has a State Library representative, and we see ourselves as liaisons between the State Library/Regional Library programs and services to school districts.

This year we converted our Standards and Assessment Resource Bank from CD-ROM to a Web site in support of content standards. Now dynamically current, this Web site supports teachers and administrators as they implement standards-based education. A companion effort is now underway to create a Web site for students that identifies quality Web sites that directly support student work toward standards.

In preparation for state aid to libraries, which we fully expect to eventually be funded, our library development unit is asking public libraries to send us establishment documents. State aid can only go to legally established libraries, and it's amazing how difficult documentation of such establishment can be.

Our State Publications program continues its work of making state documents available to Colorado residents. This year, in response to the increased amount of state government information on the Web, we expanded the State Pubs cataloging position to full-time, and added the responsibility to catalog Web sites for both State Pubs and ACLIN.

The Colorado Talking Book Library bought a new computer system to allow us to be more responsive to our users, including putting our recorded and large-print collection online.

Two new institutional libraries were opened this year—one in Pueblo at the Youthful Offender System and one in Denver at the Denver Women's Correctional Facility.

Several LSTA projects deserve mention:

- 27 libraries received grants to provide them with computers, printers, and telecommunication costs to connect to the World Wide Web. This grant will continue next year.
- High performance school libraries were chosen and partnered with power libraries seeking to improve their school library services. This project continues next year.
- Public libraries received grants and training to cooperate with day care centers to improve reading readiness.
- The Diversity Tool Kit was put online on ACLIN, and one more scholarship was awarded to a graduate student to work with minority groups.
- Colorado became a national model and pacesetter for library museum collaboration in digitization. We are the only state that has successfully brought multiple libraries, museums, archives, and historical societies together to develop standards for scanning, access, and development.
- The Library Research Service has begun its replica-

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Library Development

Library Servicesand Technology Act (LSTA) Administration

This year the LSTA Local Needs grant program had $176,000 available for distribution under the direction of grant coordinator Dan Petro. Over 100 applications were received by the State Library. After undergoing vigorous review, 17 projects were selected for funding. Projects included automated circulation systems, improved reference collections, virtual field trips for students, visits by well known authors, providing services to physically disadvantaged patrons, and more. The projects were implemented with a high degree of success. Many people spent many, many hours striving to ensure a high level of achievement and satisfaction with each of their projects.

The Colorado Reading Readiness Project has been very successful. A one and a half day training session for librarians was developed and implemented. The purpose of the training was to teach them how to train staff of local day cares in various reading readiness activities. Librarians from 11 libraries from around the state participated. The librarians then went to their local communities to train the staff of selected day care programs. Over 120 day care staff members have participated. As a result of the training, more children are being exposed to reading activities on a daily basis.

Another component of the grant was the purchase of books for children. Approximately 690 children received a book that to keep. The children took their books home so their families could read to them there. These children will become stronger readers as they grow up.

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tion study on the role of school libraries on student achievement. Keith Lance has worked with two other states to do the same study. We look forward to the results in the coming year.

As always, the Colorado State Library has excellent and dedicated staff providing quality service to our constituents. I am pleased and proud to work with them.

Nancy M. Bolt
Assistant Commissioner, Libraries

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A brochure entitled *Reading Tips for Parents* was prepared. Approximately 86,000 copies were made and will be distributed to libraries and other agencies in the state.

School Library Media Development

Eugene Hainer directed two major projects initiated this year that should have a significant impact on school library media programs in the future. The first of these was the beginning of a revision of current library guidelines to align information literacy with Colorado content standards while incorporating elements from *Information Power: Building Partnerships for Student Learning* (ALA, 1998). A draft of this revised work is available online through the State Library Web site at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_library.htm>.

In conjunction with this, a series of workshops on implementing information literacy standards were provided through Regional Systems and some school districts by the Information Power coordinators Su Eckhardt of Smoky Hill High School, and Gene Hainer of the Colorado State Library. The focus of these workshops was to demonstrate collaboration techniques for school media specialists while familiarizing them with the content of this national publication. As information literacy revision is finalized in the coming year, plans are to continue

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offering such workshops statewide and in conjunction with CEMA (Colorado Educational Media Association), the state school library media association.

A second project was the implementation of an LSTA-funded grant. *Power Libraries: Helping Students Achieve Standards* school personnel were introduced to this project at the Colorado Association for School Administrators conference in August 1998, with applications for model library (Colorado High Performance Library) status and mini-grant schools accepted during the fall. From the applications received, the following schools were selected as High Performance School Libraries and fulfilled their role as mentors according to the criteria established in the Power Libraries project: Baker Middle School (Denver Public Schools), Cherry Creek High School (Cherry Creek 5), Escalante Middle School (Durango 9-R), Federal Heights Elementary (Adams 12), Gateway High School, (Adams-Arapahoe 28-J), Gunnison High School (Gunnison), Gust Elementary, (Denver Public Schools), McClave Schools, (McClave RE-2), Sierra High School (Harrison 2, Colorado Springs).

These sites acted as mentors for one or more of the following the mini-grant schools, which received $6,500 plus travel funds for resource purchases and staff development activities. Schools selected were: Cherry Drive Elementary (Adams 12); Columbine Elementary School (DPS), Denver Douglass Elementary School (Boulder Valley RE-2); Doull Elementary School (DPS); Englewood High School (Englewood 1); Fort Lewis Elementary School (Durango 9-R); Greeley Central High School (Weld Co. # 6); Hayden Valley Elementary School (Hayden RE-1); Holmes Middle School (Colorado Springs District 11); Lake County High School (Leadville); Middle Park High School (East Grand 2, Granby); Shanner Elementary School (Holly RE-3); Washington Elementary School (Colorado Springs District 11); Whitman Elementary School (Littleton 6).

Three regional trainings were offered in the fall of 1998 to bring model (High Performance) schools together with schools receiving materials-funding grants for the purpose of developing a plan on how they would collaborate for the year. Those pictured were engaged in this planning after having received assistance and guidance in the elements of quality school library media programs.

The Power Libraries project has been funded for a second year, with application information to be disseminated toward the beginning of the 1999-00 school year. These projects and others which may arise during the year will provide a strong foundation for demonstrating the role and importance of school libraries to student achievement in Colorado's standards-based education system.

Library Literacy and Diversity

The Diversity Tool Kit, a project sponsored by the Library Services to Ethnic Minority Populations Committee of CCLD, and funded by LSTA, is now delivered by electronic means rather than hard copy. <http://projects.aclin.org/diversity/>.

The thrust of the Kit is still the same as when it was in paper, except now a user downloads and prints out the calendar of events, bibliography, and bookmarks to use in highlighting ethnic holidays and festivals. This project, which has been primarily developed by Eveline Yang of Auraria and Susan Kotarba of DPL with staff support from Ray Peterson, is to give local libraries and school media centers (and anyone else who wants it) information on ethnic minority holidays, celebrations, and special activities and ideas as to how to celebrate them in the library or classroom.

The Kit has received significant national recognition. It won the "Best of Show" award in the American Library Association Diversity Program, "special display" at the ALA Diversity Fair and Colorado Library Association Award for Ethnic Diversity in 1998 and was featured again at the ALA conference in 1999.

The Mentoring Program is an ongoing activity that is in its fourth year. Approximately 15 mentor teams, which are for minority protégés, are functioning and another 15 pairs are non-minorities from the University of Denver (DU) Master of Library Science program and the mentors are DU library science alumni. Both mentors and protégés say they find this a very rewarding activity.

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The recruitment video "Me — A Librarian?" continues to be popular. Its purpose is to dispel teenagers' stereotypes and encourages teenagers to consider librarianship as a possible career. There is still a waiting list from libraries around the state for one of the three videos we have in the State Library.

The minority scholarship for $5,000 was awarded for the 98-99 year and this recipient will graduate in the spring of 99. She is an outstanding candidate and will be an asset to librarianship in Colorado. The scholarship is open to all librarians, school, academic and special, and in fact, the number of applicants was divided nearly equally between school media center personnel and public library staff.

The Jefferson County Literacy Coalition continues to be a shinning star in the field of library literacy. It has taken on many tasks of staff training and is doing a great job of raising funds to do programming. It is an affiliate of the National Literacy Volunteers, has adopted a revised set of bylaws, developed a full year's training plan, been designated a 501(c)3 and become a tax exempt organization.

While Jeffco is the only officially designated literacy coalition in the state, other very good programs exist in individual libraries and some such as Colorado Springs, where the library the school district and many other social service organization cooperate to do the best job possible, are for all practical purposes a coalition but they don't call themselves a coalition. More individual libraries are being added to the roster of library literacy programs all the time.

Library Services and Administration

State Publications Library

The State Publications Library staff members Jim Schubert, Maureen Crocker, Allan Brown, Karen Hoff, Virginia Inness, and Barbara Dey were involved in several efforts in the electronic area in order to increase access to information for our customers now and in future years, including serving on the collection development and metadata committees of the Colorado Digitization Project.

The Web site introductory page was updated with a new look and a more direct link to the catalog to provide better electronic access to state publications information. The number of reference questions asked through the Web site continues to grow. Some of the topics include: statistics on teenage pregnancy, suicide, and drinking; list of sex offenders; mortality tables; criteria for an annulment; location of a business directory; and the usual Colorado state bird, history, and Capitol facts.

Patrons looking for state publications on the Web were provided another access point through the cataloging of Web sites. Examples of subjects of sites cataloged include: youth violence and prevention, model content standards, employment statistics, literacy directory, common law marriage, consumer insurance premium comparisons, and a business resource guide.

Print publications received from state agencies last year numbered 4,336. Of those, 2,690 were available in sufficient quantities to distribute to our 19 state publications depository libraries.

Non-Colorado customers were served by sending ILL requests to such places as Germany, Hong Kong, Norway, Sweden, Stanford University, and the Harvard Medical School.

The biennial statewide reference survey on the use of state publications at all depository libraries was completed in the fall of 1998. The overall results were 87,204 annualized total uses of state publications including reference questions, state Web site access, in-library use, and circulation. That is 93 average weekly uses and 4,845 average annually per reporting depository library. The most frequently requested subject area was education, followed by laws and regulations, parks/wildlife, health, demographics, employment, and crime/corrections.

Marketing efforts this year focused specifically on law librarians working in downtown law firms because they have used our library occasionally and have the potential for increased use. A survey indicated that while many had heard our name, they did not know our services or the extent of our collection. So arrangements were made for the monthly COALL brown bag lunch to be held at CDE with a presentation to 22 law librarians. Follow-up will be done with additional legal associations and law firms.

Other efforts included the preparation of bibliographies for *Centennial State Libraries Newsletter* on adolescent issues, development disabilities, business information, youth violence, and directories.

More information about the State Publications Library, including the location of depository libraries, can be obtained by visiting the library's Web site at <www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/slstpubs.htm> or through ACLIN at <www.aclin.org> or using the ACLIN free dial-up service.

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StateLINC and Administration

The State LINC distribution program continued to provide popular consumer information materials from agencies and nonprofit organizations to participating libraries all over the state, sending 87 items to 152 libraries.

The State Library's monthly mailing program distributes informational materials from the State Library to directors of all types of libraries in the state. It is a consolidated mailing that saves time and money at the state level and provides a convenience for local libraries. During 1998-99, nearly 31,000 copies of items were distributed by Administrative Assistant Linda Kierstead, and lists of items mailed were posted on Libnet as information to subscribers as well.

CDE Web Site Support Services (WSS)

The Colorado State Library was given the responsibility for the Colorado Department of Education Web site in FY 98-99. WSS redesigned the site, which will debut in August 1999.

Parker Dodd, our Webmaster, developed a plan to institute the new look and feel of the Web site via standard HTML pages. Templates were developed for top-level navigation pages, including creating graphics and introducing new Java scripts. The current site's contents were integrated into the new site.

Updates and additions to the current site continued throughout the redesign process, and inquires to the Web master were responded to.

Standards & Assessment Resource Bank

The launch of the Standards & Assessment Resource Bank Web site in January represented the culmination of efforts over the previous year to transition the Resource Bank from a static, CD-ROM based product to a dynamic, Web-based service. The Web site was an immediate hit with CDE staff, as it provides a more direct means of disseminating time-sensitive information to the field to address CDE's priorities in the areas of standards, assessment, and accountability.

In addition to the resources that were successfully transitioned from the CD-ROM product to the Web site, the Resource Bank was the recipient of new content resulting from several grant-funded professional development efforts, most notably: Denver Public Schools' El Alma de la Raza Curriculum and Teacher Training Project, Centennial BOCES' Standards-Based Education Professional Development Center, and University of Denver's Leaders in Learning Program. All of these projects were funded by Partnerships/Goals 2000 grants.

Promotional efforts to showcase the new Web site included a mass mailing to district superintendents and BOCES directors, and presentations at meetings and professional conferences throughout the spring and summer: Colorado Educational Goals Panel, Colorado Educational Media Association (CEMA), 8th Annual Standards & Assessment Conference, Technology in Education(TIE), Social Studies Supervisors, and Colorado Language Arts Society.

The Standards & Assessment Resource Bank Web site is maintained by Stephen Thergesen, Senior Consultant.

Library Telecommunications

FCC E-rate Program: Seventy Colorado libraries and library consortia have received $565,556 in funding commitments for discounts on telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connections. These discounts are for services provided between January 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999, and are offered as part of the Federal Communication Commission's Universal Service Fund program under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

CSL helps Colorado libraries apply for discounts on their telecommunications services by conducting workshops and providing assistance via e-mail and telephone.

The State Library encourages technology infrastructure development in local libraries through two of the LSTA statewide grants, and requires application for e-rate discounts as one of the conditions for receiving LSTA funds under these grant programs.

Gates grants: The Gates Library Initiative (GLI) is a not-for-profit entity committed to bring information technology resources, training, and support to communities to prevent "information disenfranchisement." CSL has begun the application process for the GLI's State Partnership Grant Program on behalf of public libraries in Colorado. This program provides computers, software, training labs, training, and support desk assistance to public libraries nationwide that fit certain criteria determined by GLI.

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CSL first convened a Public Library Leadership Coalition to discuss the grant process. Staff at CSL wrote the narrative parts of the application. The State Library gathered the required data on all library buildings in the state as part of its annual library survey and submitted the application by the April 30, 1999 due date. The GLI staff will be reviewing the application, asking for clarification, and preparing a final list of recommendations based on the information provided. Distribution of equipment and software for qualifying Colorado public libraries could begin as early as the summer of 2000.

Library technology: The State Library asked for and received permission to hire a library technology consultant to work with the growing number and complexity of telecommunications issues facing libraries in Colorado,. The consultant will provide policy recommendations to CSL on issues relating to technology, work cooperatively with the regional library service systems to implement CSL projects, work with GLI to implement the Statewide Partnership Grant Program grants, provide workshops on technology to local librarians, assist in the ongoing revision and implementation of Colorado's technology standards, advise local libraries on automation systems, and develop grant proposals for technology implementation. John Noran looks forward to continuing to provide these valuable services to Colorado libraries.

Publications and Public Information

The Colorado State Library Jobline Web site continued to be one of the most frequently accessed pages on ACLIN. Colorado and out-of-state positions are available online at <http://jobline.aclin.org>, and editor Kathleen Sagee updates the site each day.

The schools and libraries poster contest received over 1,000 entries this year, thanks to the efforts of Colorado's librarians and school library media specialists. The contest was held in support of Colorado's National Library Week program, and an awards ceremony for the winners was held during that week. In addition to the grand, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prize winners in four age categories, each student artist who entered received a letter of recognition and honorable mention ribbon.

Sponsorship and participation in library and literacy events, programs, and conferences continues to be a priority. The State Library exhibited at the Colorado Library Association (CLA) conference, Colorado Educational Media Association (CEMA) conference, and the Rocky Mountain Book Festival and Children's Book Festival.

Public Relations

Colorado State Library initiated public relations activities to educate people on the essential services provided by libraries. Relationships with other members of the education and service communities are important, and contacts with libraries, state government agencies, non-profits, and businesses help reach people who are new to libraries, as well as those who are already users.

A priority for public relations is to ensure that parents, teachers, and counselors know about the summer reading program and the many other benefits for children provided by libraries because the link between children's reading abilities and access to books, magazines, and other library resources is undeniable.

Special promotional campaigns inform people of the State Library's online services, such as the Electronic Diversity Tool Kit, the Digitization Project (which links information from museums, historical societies, archives, and libraries), ACLIN's expanded sites, and the State Publications Library's catalog of print and online publications.

Institutional Library Services

A total of 7,238 new library materials (5993 books, 960 subscriptions, and 285 audiovisual materials) were purchased with State Library funds by Acquisitions Librarian Allan Brown, and were added to institution library collections. A budget increase of $38,000, granted by the legislature for FY '99, allowed us to buy more than twice the number of materials purchased in FY '98. Six new institutions received materials for the first time, and all existing libraries got substantial budget increases.

Four State Library consultants—Alison Guild, Oreada Mitchell, Diana Reese, and Chuck Rose—continued to coordinate library services in Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities. They developed and revised library policies; helped hire, supervise, and train DOC library staff; planned for services in new and expanding facilities; and supported library computer systems.

Two new adult correctional facilities opened in FY '99, the Youthful Offender System (YOS) in Pueblo and the Denver Women's Correctional Facility (DWCF). State Library institutional library staff were very involved in the planning and implementation of library services for these facilities. The YOS library will serve primarily as a school library for its adolescent offenders, and the DWCF library will support adult education and therapeutic programs as well as provide recreational and informational materials for inmates and staff.

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Three additional facilities are being constructed in Sterling, Trinidad, and Buena Vista, and State Library consultants worked closely with DOC administrators, architects, and contractors to ensure that libraries will be adequately staffed and equipped to serve the inmate populations.

Four adult correctional facilities relocated or expanded library space to improve services to the expanding inmate populations. The Colorado Territorial facility nearly doubled its library space with a remodeling project, resulting in a much more attractive and functional space. The Fremont and Four Mile facilities relocated libraries to large, well-planned new facilities, and the Skyline library gained space for office and circulation. Remodeling projects are currently underway in the Rifle and Delta facilities.

Four LSTA projects benefited institution libraries during the fiscal year: Prison libraries conducted a cooperative collection development project; Lookout Mountain Youth Services Center purchased the Winnebago Spectrum system to automate its library catalog; Colorado Mental Health Institute at Ft. Logan acquired computers and adaptive educational software to serve its mentally disabled children and adolescent patrons; and minimum security correctional facilities purchased materials to support community reintegration for inmates soon to be released, and they compiled information packets for departing inmates about public library services in their home communities.

The catalog of the School for the Deaf and the Blind was mounted on the World Wide Web, so its specialized materials are readily available for loan to individuals through the Colorado Library Card program or to other libraries in the state. The URL is <http://www.205.170.71.13>.

The Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo automated its two patient libraries with the Winnebago Spectrum system.

State Library staff planned and presented a one-day workshop for all correctional library staff in May at the El Pomar Center in Colorado Springs. The highlight of the day was a visit from John Suthers, new Executive Director of the Department of Corrections, who spoke about his personal experiences with libraries and chatted informally with library staff about DOC libraries.

Correctional librarians upgraded computer systems, networking software, and library automation software in order to be ready for the year 2000. The State Library arranged for staff to recieve training in Novell NetWare 5 and GLAS, the Windows version of the EOSi automation software.

Diana Reese, consultant for correctional libraries, was elected chair of the Library Services to Prisoners Forum of the American Library Association.

Barb Reilly, institutional library program supervisor, continued to represent the Department of Education on the Juvenile Parole Board.

Pictured are all correctional library staff with CSL supervisor and regional consultants at the annualtraining institute, held last May.

Library Research Service (LRS)

Much was accomplished in the way of library research and statistics during the 1998-99 fiscal year because of collaborative efforts of the LRS staff, including Director Keith Curry Lance, Associate Director Ann M. Seidl and Administrative Assistant Louise Conner, as well as Research Analysts Rochelle Logan, Marti Cox, Marcia Rodney, and Jean Heilig from the University of Denver. The LRS's FY 1999 successes must also be credited to major contributions from Library Development colleagues, Katherine Brown (public libraries) and Gene Hainer (school libraries), and to Web development consultants Jerry McCarthy and Steve Gregory.

Special projects supporting State Library initiatives included providing data support to the State Funding for Libraries effort, creating a Web version of the community scan form used in the Public Library Association's new Planning For Results process, and redesigning the Minimum Cost of Library Service statistics used in calculating County Equalization Grants.

The regular LRS surveys achieved important milestones this year. The Colorado Public Library Annual Report survey achieved a 100 percent response rate April 1999, the earliest ever, owing to the incentive provided by the Gates Library Initiative. The annual Survey of School Library Media Centers in Colorado achieved a 90 percent response rate, the highest ever, in May 1999. The biennial Peer Academic Library Statistics (PALS) survey of Colorado academic libraries and libraries at their 300 peer institutions nationwide was completed in June 1999, again, the earliest ever.

In addition to conducting these surveys and producing statewide reports and individual library profiles, LRS staff completed over a dozen field-initiated projects and responded to over 100 custom research requests.

The LRS Web site <http://www.lrs.org> took center stage as the organization's principal means of disseminating data, statistical reports, and other publications. New data sets and reports this year address public libraries in metropolitan areas, library districts, and election results affecting public libraries and school library media programs. The site also provides links to hundreds of other Web pages providing useful information to library managers. The site underwent an extensive redesign, including the development of a new, more user-friendly home page and the addition of a search engine. Monthly WebTrends reports indicate that the site is making steady progress toward its goal of being the portal site for library research and statistics. During an average month, the site handles 4,000 user sessions, providing 50,000 hits, 7,000 page views, and 250 file downloads. The American Library Association and many state library agencies and associations provide links to this site from their own sites.

Library Research Service (LRS) staff includes: (l to r back) Keith Curry Lance, Marti Cox, Jean Heilig, Rochelle Logan, Louise Conner; (front) Marcy Rodney and Ann Seidl.

It was also a record-breaking year for *FAST FACTS: Recent Statistics from the Library Research Service*. Nineteen issues were published during FY 1998-99, many dealing with the organization's increasing commitment to the study of school library media programs.

After Colorado was invited to apply to participate in the Gates Library Initiative (GLI), the LRS provided extensive data analysis and geographic information systems (GIS) support to that process.

Special projects included:

* an ongoing partnership with the Library and Information Services Program at the University of Denver, which provides a capable corps of part-time research analysts who bring another two full-time equivalents (FTEs) to the LRS staff.

* Where Minority Are the Majority project to develop new performance measures for public libraries serving poor and minority communities including three branches of Denver Public Library and Mesa County Library District;

* Colorado Literacy Research Initiative, which assisted in the development of the Office of Adult Education's new long-range plan; produced a half dozen issues of Lit Scan: Facts and Figures from the Colorado Literacy Research Initiative (a literacy counterpart to FAST FACTS); debuted a literacy research Web site; and pro-

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vided technical assistance to other state and local literacy providers;

* last, but not least, ongoing work on How School Librarians Help Kids Achieve Standards, the follow-up study to the original Colorado study The Impact of School Library Media Centers on Academic Achievement. That project will be completed by the end of calendar 1999.

During FY 1999, LRS staff organized and/or presented at several major events, each of which was attended by 100 or more:

* a 1999 Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) pre-conference on evaluation organized by Lance and others;

* the second annual Julie J. Boucher Memorial Lecture on Intellectual Freedom at the 1998 Colorado Library Association conference;

* Lance and Seidl's presentation at the 1999 FSCS State Data Coordinators annual conference on designing statistical Web sites; and

* a 1999 ALA Annual Conference session on the GeoLib study, Where Minorities Are the Majority.

Smaller programs (those attended by 10-50 participants) included multiple demonstrations of the LRS Web site and workshops on using available data, designing questionnaires, and conducting focus group interviews.

The one sad note for the LRS this year is the departure of Associate Director Ann M. Seidl. Ann brought boundless energy and enthusiasm, humor, and intelligence to her work and she will be missed greatly both personally and professionally by colleagues and clients alike. Our loss is Tallahassee, Florida's, gain. Happily, however, she is succeeded by Rochelle Logan.

Networking and Resource Sharing

ACLIN (Access Colorado Library and Information Network)

Access Colorado Library and Information Network (ACLIN) focused its attention this year on library and educational content, improvements in technical platform stability and reliability, and development of search and interface capabilities, with the goal of delivering more direct and useful access to library resources in the state.

ACLIN got out of the information hosting business for state agencies and non-profit organizations, as the sites that were developed and incubated during its three-year federal grant were migrated off the ACLIN server. In the future, ACLIN will host only library-related and educational resource sites to the limits of its ability to support such projects. Since numerous and affordable commercial hosts are commonly available today from providers who offer excellent support services, ACLIN's formerly important role as an information host site has, with a few exceptions, come to an end.

Collection development has continued, and a new set of programming tools for this content has been developed with the assistance of a programmer (and a model) from the Berkeley Sunsite library project. These tools will provide improved organization, display, and searching of ACLIN collection development resources such as the Health & Medicine site, and will provide its editors with a database-driven environment for more rapid editing and maintenance. A second collection development resource, the Business & Consumer site, was introduced in June. ACLIN for Kids is scheduled to be updated this summer, and projects in Educational Standards, Employment & Career, and Education & Literacy are either in process or scheduled to begin in the coming year.

The second phase of ACLIN's Z39.50 test bed site was successfully completed, demonstrating the performance of its Z39.50 "global search" and uniform search interface capabilities. In the coming year, a final test phase of two or more Z39.50 options will be made available to all library patrons and users of ACLIN, and a final selection of a Z39.50 option will be made and implemented. ACLIN, along with other members of the library

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automation community, will continue to experiment with the Z39.50 protocol to discover its true utility, and ACLIN, in particular, will explore how and where its Z39.50 catalog search capability may best supplement the many emerging "union catalog" projects in the state. ILL considerations for the coming year include widening support for patron placed hold features in online systems, improved consistency of holdings information online, and a review of ILL messaging options statewide.

Although ACLIN continues to receive more usage over the Internet than through its dial-up network, dial up will continue to be supported via the SuperNet/Qwest local network and ACLIN's own 800 line service through the coming year.

ACLIN has completed a cooperative interface redesign process and will be introducing a new GUI interface in August that is more direct and dynamic. ACLIN's previous interface may be preserved for dial-up clients who view ACLIN resources via the character-based Lynx browser. The new interface will be adjusted, after a test phase, to detect earlier browser versions (previous to 4.0) and serve an appropriate page. Ultimately, a text-only version of the new interface may be developed for dial up Lynx browser users.

Technically, ACLIN operations staff have worked toward simplification and stabilization of its multiple server platforms. A new and faster Sun server has been purchased to provide improved performance and more rapid backup and recoverability for the system. This server will allow ACLIN to be remotely switched to a mirrored site in the event of a system crash.

In summary, the coming year for ACLIN will see a renewed focus on library and educational resources, shared resource support, and technical reliability. Staffing changes at the end of the current year mean that ACLIN will also have new staff and leadership in the coming year, including new Technology Specialist Rose Nelson, to support technology needs of the smaller libraries in the state and provide assistance with technology planning for e-rate.

Colorado Talking Book Library

The library acquired a new circulation system and Web access under the direction of Supervisor Barbara Goral. Take a look at the updated Web page to find a new online public access catalog with more information about the collection. Potential patrons will also be able to print out the CTBL application form without calling the library for a hard copy. For more information, call the library.

This year we were once again able to serve our patrons with the help of staff and over 140 volunteers who donated over 15,000 hours to the library. This is the equivalent of about 7.5 FTE. Without the generosity of our volunteers, the Colorado Talking Book Library would not be able to function.

An average of 130 new applicants sign up for service each month, and the library continues to circulate over 400,000 items per year.

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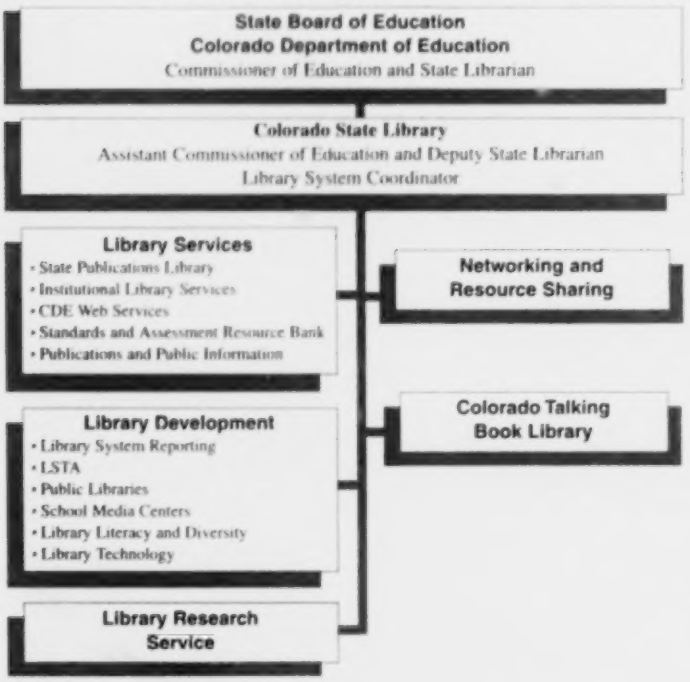
Library Program Item	State Budgeted Funds
Personal Services	$1,024,910
Operating/Travel	49,607
Library Materials	101,899
Regional Systems	2,449,893
County Equalization	134,114
Colorado Resource Center	2,048,101
Payment for Lending	162,006
CTBL Building Maintenance/Utilities	45,000
ACLIN	304,788
TOTAL	**$6,320,318**

(This does not include federal funds)

Colorado State Library Organizational Chart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